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## COMMANDER'S CALL



Our Sunday jam session is a hit. We have gotten a few new members and transfers. I hope this continues. We need members. We are at 72% and need to be at 100% by December to be guaranteed All-State. I know we can do it if all get motivated and re-new now without waiting until January. We can't do it without you!!



I hope we have a good showing at the parade downtown and at the Post on Veterans Day. This year they are recognizing our female veterans.

Thanks to the Panama City Garden Club for maintaining the flower pot in our drive through.



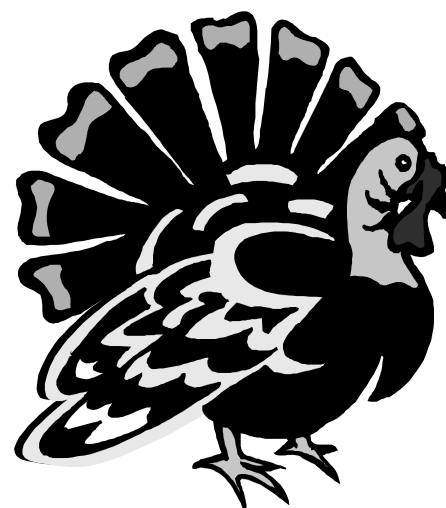
It has passed; the Post by-laws will be changed to have the hall as non-smoking.

I would like to get as many members to attend the Gold Star family's event at the Pier Park Veterans Memorial on the 4th of December at 0900 for a ceremony.

I encourage our barstool commanders to get involved. Do something positive for the Post and the Veteran!!

See you at the meeting. Hopefully, I will see you before then!

Don



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## Quartermaster Corner — Brian Freeman

I just want to remind everyone to be sure to attend our meetings this month and to re-new your dues if you have not already done so. We need to get to All-State this year!

We have many activities and events throughout the month, so please be sure to check out the calendar and bulletin boards for dates and times. Come on out and join in the fun! You'll be glad you did.

Don't forget our District Meeting will be at the Parker VFW on the 5th at 11am. Please attend if you can.

We would like to have a good showing at the Flag Ceremony on Veterans Day at 4pm at the Post.

See you around the Post!

Brian



## Ladies Auxiliary News - Jenny Freeman, President

I must start off once again THANKING the fish fry and chicken dinner team. Every month it is amazing how it all comes together and we do so well.

We have had an ongoing success and it is due to the team that does the dinner and the members that come to support the event. As I've said in previous newsletters, \$1.00 of every ticket sold goes to Veterans & Family Support. Our next Fish Fry and Chicken dinner is November 11th. We will not be having one in December as we will be focusing on the Toys for Tots December 3rd and our Spaghetti dinner on December 17th. Please come and support both events.

There are so many parents with children that are out of a job and to be able to give their kids a Christmas is a blessing to them and to yourself, too.

We have the Veterans Parade on the 11th so let me

know if you want to be a part of it this year. Tracey Lopez is asking people for help on the 9th to decorate the float for the parade. Please get with her if you want to help.

The LAUX really needs everyone's help. We're having a bake sale on the 19th at 3pm. All the money we make will go to Veterans & Family Support. We are asking for donated baked goods that are labeled with what is in them. For example - fudge with pecans. I will be at the Post at 12pm that day accepting baked goods. If Saturday is a bad day, get with me and make other arrangements. Please everyone come out and purchase the goodies we will have. There will be a band that night, so you can dance and work off what you ate of the goodies. You can also freeze them because Thanksgiving is less than a week away from the sale.

Hope to get your support for our events and God bless,  
Jenny Freeman

## Men's Auxiliary Memo - Bill McGrath, President

The MAUX continues to serve an outstanding breakfast every Wednesday morning from 7-10am. On Saturday the 5th from 8-11am, we'll also provide you the same great breakfast. If you work and haven't been able to try our breakfasts on Wednesdays, now is your chance. We have the best breakfast deal on the beach - eggs, bacon, 2 sausages, home fries, biscuits and gravy, toast, fruit juice, milk, coffee and more! All that for the very low price of \$6.00! Try us out - you won't be disappointed.

In November, we have another big event. We're calling it our "Super Brunch" on November 12th from 11am—1pm. We'll serve you a full breakfast just as we do every Wednesday along with an excellent lunch. All this for only \$10.00 and you won't need a ticket. The MAUX has purchased eight chafing dishes for this large buffet. With these wireless (sterno) dishes, we'll be able to provide an eloquent buffet without the need for power. We found the need for these devices while serving breakfast as we tripped the circuit breakers when we plugged in the steam table and toaster. We had to roll the steam table all over the Post looking for a live outlet as the tripped breaker was locked in the back office. Now, any of our organizations can use these dishes to set up a meal or buffet anywhere in the Post or outside the Post in the picnic area and not rely on

the electrical steam table or Dutch ovens.

In addition to a great meal, you will be entertained by a two-piece Steel Band starting at 11am. Obviously, the Post will be open early at 11am. To get you in the island/lunch mood, the canteen will provide special drinks to fit the occasion - the traditional Bloody Mary and classy Mimosa will warm you to the atmosphere. After you have enjoyed a great meal and entertainment, you'll be ready for Bingo. That's Right! All this followed by our regular Saturday Bingo. Now that will be a delightful Saturday for all. Again, no advance tickets, just \$10 and a day of food and fun!

I'm being too verbose once again, but I need to mention one more item. The entertainment committee has a suggestion that the Post schedule a Movie Night. We presented this to the House Committee, but have not scheduled anything yet. We need a DVD and some wiring changes for this to happen, but we need to know if there will be any interest. We need your feedback - movie day/night? Please put your suggestions in the box. Your input will be greatly appreciated.

Bill McGrath



## Musings from the House....

Greetings from the House Committee! As fall is upon us, I challenge members to do something positive for the Post! We are getting new membership, but we can all do more in this arena. I have new VFW 10555 flyers and I can send them out or print them out for anyone who will take some time to hand them out. Also get any new ideas to the entertainment committee. We want to continue to provide new talent and fresh ideas to fill the calendar!

Let's all get out and support the Veterans Day events.

The female veterans need volunteers to help in decorating the Post float. If you are interested, please contact Tracey Lopez!



Rob



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## A Message From ..... Canteen/Post Manager

As we enter into this month, we have many exciting things going on. Please come out and join us for bingo. If you have not heard, the jam session from the Y Not bar has been moved to the VFW. We have been getting many new members from this as well as new friends.

Our Bartenders will be serving up their drink specials. Each one will have their favorite drink on hand for you. We also have weekly drink specials, so come by for some fun and camaraderie.

Have a happy Thanksgiving!

Walter







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### **Important Dates To Remember**

5th - 8-11am-MAUX Breakfast - \$6.00  
11am-District Meeting @ Parker VFW  
After bingo- AARP Driving School  
6th - 3pm - AARP Driving School  
7th - 4:30pm-Entertainment/Events Comm. Mtg.  
5:30pm-Officer Meeting  
8th - 5pm-House Committee Meeting  
11th - 4pm-Flag Ceremony  
5pm-Fish Fry w/music by Riptide \$10.00  
12th - 11am-1pm-MAUX Brunch w/Steel Band \$10.  
14th - 6pm-MAUX Meeting  
15th - 6pm-Gen. Membership & LAUX Meetings  
19th - 3pm-LAUX Bake Sale w/Sandy Spurs  
20th - 8-11am - VFW Breakfast  
30th - 2pm-Band (TBD)  
Wednesdays - 7-10am-Breakfast—\$6.00



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